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Mr. Jeff Otteson
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Dear Mr. Otteson,

I am a resident of Girdwood and wish to voice my concern for the delay in improving the Bird to Potter Marsh section of the Seward Highway. I have done my own traffic counting on Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day. The count of on coming vehicles, as I drive from Potter Marsh to Girdwood, exceeds 300 during a time frame of 35 minutes. On any day of the year there is a constant flow of traffic to and from Anchorage. All traffic from Seward, Kenai, and Homer areas is confined to this highway. The number of serious traffic accidents and deaths on this stretch of road has to be the worst of any section of road in Alaska.

It is unfortunate that we have to contend with drivers impaired by drugs, lack of sleep, inattention, alcohol, etc... We take those risks every trip to and from Anchorage. Please give us, without delay, the safety and maneuver room of a four lane highway. The Kink and Gravina bridges take second priority to the lives saved on a "New" Seward Highway.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Day

